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SUBJECT: NATO SPOKESMAN STATEMENT FOR OCTOBER 17

NATO -SALT CONSULTATIONS

REF: USNATO A-170 OF NOVEMBER 26, 1973

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH FORMULA AGREED BETWEEN AMBS JOHNSON AND RUMSFELD IN NOVEMBER 1973(REF AIR), MISSION HERewith FORWARDS FOR DEPT AND USDEL APPROVAL DRAFT TEXT OF PRESS STATEMENT WHICH WOULD BE ISSUED BY NATO SPOKESMAN FOLLOWING OCTOBER 17 CONSULTATIONS. STATEMENT WOULD OF COURSE ALSO BE SUBMITTED TO NAC AT CLOSE OF SALT CONSULTATION FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO ISSUANCE BY SPOKESMAN. TEXT IS IDENTICAL TO THAT USED AFTER LAST PREVIOUS CONSULTATION FEB 27, 1974, WITH APPROPRIATE UPDATES OF NAMES, DATES, ETC.
2. BEGIN TEXT: A REGULAR CONSULTATION ON THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS, WHICH THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE CONDUCTING IN GENEVA, WAS HELD TODAY BY THE NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS. AMB U. ALEXIS HOHNSON, HEAD OF THE U.S. SALT DELEGATION, PARTICIPATED IN THIS CONSULTATION, WHICH WAS THE 23RD MEETING BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND THE HEAD OF THE U.S. SALT DELEGATION OR HIS DEPYTY SINCE THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS BEGAN IN NOVEMBE 1969. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION ACCOMPANYING AMB JOHNSON WERE (USDEL REQUESTED SUPPLY NAMES AS APPROPRIATE).
3. AMB JOHNSON BRIEFED THE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS SINCE HIS LAST MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL ON CONFIDENTIAL

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FEB 27, 1974. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND AMB JOHNSON THEN HAD A USEFUL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS REGARDING THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, INCLUDING A DISCUSSION ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE. THE MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE EXPRESSED THEIR

CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE SALT NEGOTIATIONS, THEIR APPRECIATION FOR AMB JOHNSON'S PRESENTATION, THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING THAT SUCH REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONTINUED. THE COUNCIL ALSO NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION TO NATO WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP THE CONCIL INFORMED ON ANY DEVELOPMENT OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE THAT MAY ARISE BETWEEN REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE U.S. SALT DELEGATION. END TEXT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT AND USDEL APPROVAL OF DRAFT TEXT BY COB OCTOBER 11. ASSUME GRAYBEAL WOULD PREFER MAKE NO REFERENCE IN PRESS RELEASE TO HIS PRESENCE OR PRESENTATION. MCAULIFFE

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